

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**In the Application of:**

Hideyoshi OKITA

**Application Serial No:** 10/743,328

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**Title:** FOOD FREEZING AND THAWING  
METHOD AND APPARATUS

**Group Art Unit:** 1761

**Examiner:** Vera STULII

**Confirmation:** 5586

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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**AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action e-mailed February 27, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on Page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on Page 12 of this paper.